

SENATE BILL 1231

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A local board of education may contract with a private college or university accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for the college or university to maintain a training school for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve (pre-K-12), or any combination of grades pre-kindergarten through twelve (pre-K-12), to provide practice teaching experience for teachers in training. The students enrolled in the training school must be taught the same course of study as prescribed by the state board of education for the LEA in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve (pre-K-12), or the grades appropriate for the particular school.

(b) A college or university that has entered into a contract with a local board of education pursuant to subsection (a) may receive all state and federal funds received by the local board of education as a result of this contract for the operation of the training school, including per capita allocations, equalization funds, capital outlay funds, textbook funds, and any other funds that may be allocated for the operation of public schools of this state. The control of the school is wholly under the direction of the respective college or university.

(c) In the event the training school does not maintain a school for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve (pre-K-12), the contract between the college or university and the local board of education must direct the allocation of funds between the local board of education and the training school, as the parties determine necessary to best achieve the objective of providing practice teaching for teachers in training.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.